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Sunday, January 5, 2014  8:30am

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As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord’s presence.

Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.

*“Be still and know that I am God.”* Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE  *“In Thee is Gladness”* – arr. Wood

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you**

Leader: The newborn Christ is with us.

**People: Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN *“We Three Kings of Orient Are” No. 66*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**God, our Covenant Friend, You have given us life and reason. You have given us light, but we continue to long for darkness. You promise to be by our side but we flee from You. Your patience is never ending but we get restless when things don’t go our way. You are a rock of strength but we decide to build our lives on the sand. Forgive us and remind us that through Your birth You have given us life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray, Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

*[Please share Christ’s peace with one another with*

*handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]*

\*HYMN *“Be Thou My Vision”*

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—**

**Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

(Children may come up front during the hymn for the Children’s Message)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Terri Reiner

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Jeremiah 31:31-34 (OT p735)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *2 Peter 1:22-25 (NT p232)*

COVENANT RENEWAL

\*HYMN  *“Take My Life”* *No. 391*

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below.*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer *(pg. 16 in the hymnal)*

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

*[Worshipers: As you come forward, the leaders will offer the bread with words such as,*

*“The body of Christ for you”; and the cup with words such as, “The blood of Christ for you.”*

*As you receive these gifts, you may simply respond with, “Amen” -*

*in this way you acknowledge the bread and cup as God’s gifts to you through Jesus Christ.]*

\*ALLELUIA

\*BENEDICTION & RESPONSE

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

\*POSTLUDE  *“The Rejoicing”* – Handel

***“Come As You Are”***

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

\*Praise & Worship

*Your Love Never Fails*

*One Pure and Holy Passion*

*Everything*

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message: Terri Reiner

Scripture Reading:

*Jeremiah 31:31-34; 1 Peter 1:22-25*

Covenant Renewal

Communion

\*Closing Song

*How Great is the Love*

\*Benediction

Sermon Notes:

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